

ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS

Trading Places

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N. Storer

1. Latches/Satchel
2. Ringlet/Tingler
3. Singlet/Tingles
4. Dallies/Sallied
5. Reduces/Seducer
6. Dwindles/Swindled
7. Dignifies/Signified

Back to Albuquerque Again

S. Kahan

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| (a) | 27 | <u>ANTEDATED</u> |
| (b) | 12 | <u>BINGEING</u> |
| (c) | 5 | <u>BEATIFICATION</u> |
| (d) | 17 | <u>CONSECRATIONS</u> |
| (e) | 10 | <u>CHESTIEST</u> |
| (f) | 13 | <u>COMMENCEMENT</u> |
| (g) | 14 | <u>CONDESCENDED</u> |
| (h) | 28 | <u>COUNTERFEITER</u> |
| (i) | 1 | <u>CRACKERJACK</u> |
| (j) | 15 | <u>EARNESTNESS</u> |
| (k) | 16 | <u>OLIGOPOLIES</u> |
| (l) | 3 | <u>ANTICOAGULANT</u> |
| (m) | 25 | <u>SPOILSPORT</u> |
| (n) | 30 | <u>INVENTIVENESS</u> |
| (o) | 2 | <u>ORANGOUTANG</u> |
| (p) | 23 | <u>PROPRIETARIES</u> |
| (q) | 26 | <u>STEPSISTER</u> |
| (r) | 22 | <u>PRESSURES</u> |
| (s) | 8 | <u>ENTRAPMENT</u> |
| (t) | 6 | <u>RUCKSACKS</u> |
| (u) | 19 | <u>OUTSHOUT</u> |
| (v) | 4 | <u>SHAREWARE</u> |
| (w) | 20 | <u>PHYSIOGRAPHY</u> |
| (x) | 7 | <u>EINSTEINIUM</u> |
| (y) | 21 | <u>WHIPPERSNAPPER</u> |

The impostors are 9, 11, 18, 24, and 29.

Kickshaws

D. Morice

*** MEDIA QUIZ QUESTIONS: (1) If you said Z, Y, X... A, you're wrong. That's the alphabet backwards alright, but Monte was asking for the alphabet going from Z to A backwards, which means you would start from A and go to Z—the alphabet in its regular order. (2) Bank-robbing is a sin, and being well-dressed is natty. The answer is Sin Sin Natty.

*** ANAGRAM EXPRESS: These are anagrams of the names of the Tarot cards in the Major Arcana: 1. The Fool. 2. The Magician. 3. The High Priestess. 4. The Empress. 5. The Emperor. 6. The Hierophant. 7. The Lovers. 8. The Chariot. 9. The Hermit. 10. The Wheel of Fortune. 11. Strength. 12. Justice. 13. The Hanged Man. 14. Death. 15. Temperance. 16. The Devil. 17. The Tower. 18. The Star. 19. The Moon. 20. The Sun. 21. Judgement. 22. The World. The most difficult was STRENGTHS = NTH GRETS. "Grets" is defined on the web in The Urban Dictionary as "it is short for cigarettes."

Elemental Crossword

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The Solution to the Elemental Crossword is displayed below. All of the words are single words ("wineshops" is a single word, according to the Scrabble Dictionary). Some rarer words, like "yagi", "ora", "osier" and "oes" can also be found in the Scrabble Dictionary, or larger dictionaries, although most of the words used here are common enough and need no further explanation.

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Punk Whiz 8

Anil

1. one-horse town 2. sexual references 3. rampant 4. family tree 5. poke 6. party animals
7. me generation 8. intellectual property 9. sacred cow 10. one foot in the grave 11. asshole
12. footloose 13. practical joker 14. curfew 15. deport 16. stuck up 17. bear witness
18. free thought 19. soda jerk 20. patent medicine 21. underhand methods 22. makeshift
23. mosquito 24. pretension 25. "mark" up 26. booby trap 27. ridiculous 28. Mumbo Jumbo
29. molecular formula 30. drink up 31. codswallop 32. barefooted 33. iguana 34. small talk
35. suburb 36. potion

Logologicomathemagical Puzzle

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Across

- 1 DEN (contained in both words)
- 4 AYE
- 7 AVE
- 8 NOS
- 9 ___ UP, heads or tails fits (1)
- 11 LAW
- 12 MISDEED (2)
- 16 ADO
- 17 ROI
- 18 TEN
- 19 ONE (3)

Down

- 1 DAH or DAT
- 2 EVE or EVA
- 3 NE LS ON Either I or A fits (4)
- 4 ANSWER O (5)
- 5 YOU (7)
- 6 ESP
- 10 LAD or DAD
- 12 MAT
- 13 IDE
- 14 EON
- 15 DIE (6)

Notes:

- (1) See Coral Amende's *The Crossword Obsession* (Berkley, 2001) where Will Shortz, ed. of the New York Times Crossword Puzzle, explains Jeremiah Farrell's election day 1996 puzzle that predicted the Clinton-BobDole race. "As I've often said", Shortz remarks, "this is my favorite crossword of all time."
- (2) An apt anagram, cryptic style.
- (3) $12 = 1$ and 2.
- (4) One of them is "on (base) first" and one is "on first (base)".
- (5) This is one of many "casting out nines" variations.
- (6) The constant is always 495 which translates to DIE but remember "never say die." See p. 70 "Self-numbers" in the recent *The Colossal Book of Short Puzzles and Problems* (Norton, 2006) by Martin Gardner (ed. by Dana Richards)
- (7) You have either left the room or are left in the room. Rocko's accent is ambiguous.

Bishop Spooner Goes on Holiday**Anil**

1. AKRON 2. BEIJING 3. BELIZE CITY 4. BEOGRAD (Belgrade), Serbia
5. BOWLING GREEN, Ky. 6. BRASILIA 7. BUENOS AIRES
8. CAYENNE, French Guiana (No, it's not the birthplace of President Obama.)
9. CHAPEL HILL, N. C. 10. DJIBOUTI (city) 11. DURBAN, South Africa 12. EDINBURGH
13. GREENSBORO, N. C. 14. HAMILTON, Ontario, NZ, Bermuda, etc 15. IOWA CITY
16. KABUL 17. KIGALI, Rwanda 18. LAGOS, Nigeria 19. LA PAZ, Bolivia, Mexico
20. MARRAKESH, Morocco 21. MOGADISHU, Somalia 22. MUMBAI (Bombay)
23. MUSCAT, Oman 24. NAIROBI, Kenya 25. PARAMARIBO, Suriname 26. PITTSBURGH
27. PORT MORESBY, Papua-New Guinea 28. SAN DIEGO 29. SANTA FE 30. SOFIA, Bulgaria
31. THESSALONIKI, Greece 32. TIMBUKTU, Mali 33. ULAAN BAATAR, Mongolia
34. VALPARAISO, Chile 35. WELLINGTON, N. Z. 36. WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.
37. GUATEMALA (City) 38. KARACHI 39. PANAMA CITY 40. RIO DE JANEIRO

Last Trip to Albuquerque**S. Kahan**

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| (a) | 17 | <u>AMENDMENT</u> |
| (b) | 26 | <u>CHIAROSCUROS</u> |
| (c) | 3 | <u>CONCATENATE</u> |
| (d) | 13 | <u>DISENFRANCHISE</u> |
| (e) | 10 | <u>EPINEPHRINE</u> |
| (f) | 25 | <u>RACETRACK</u> |
| (g) | 23 | <u>FOREVERMORE</u> |
| (h) | 27 | <u>TRIGONOMETRIC</u> |
| (i) | 21 | <u>HONEYMOONER</u> |
| (j) | 8 | <u>INTERSPERSE</u> |
| (k) | 19 | <u>INDEPENDENT</u> |
| (l) | 15 | <u>KNICKERBOCKERS</u> |
| (m) | 9 | <u>LIGHTWEIGHT</u> |
| (n) | 28 | <u>MULTICULTURAL</u> |
| (o) | 22 | <u>MONSOONS</u> |
| (p) | 30 | <u>OVERACHIEVER</u> |
| (q) | 18 | <u>MISOGAMIST</u> |
| (r) | 7 | <u>PERIPHERIES</u> |
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